



St. Michael's Parish Community

We Are Stewards of God's Gifts, Time and Treasure To Build Up The Kingdom

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PASTORAL STAFF:

Rev. Msgr. Anselm I. Nwaorgu, *Pastor*
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Deacon Michael Cavallo, *Permanent Deacon*
Mrs. Marilyn Dragone,
Coordinator of Religious Education
Mr. Philip Matrale,
Pastoral Associate for Youth Ministry
Mr. Peter Petrecca, *Music Director*
Mrs. Antoinette Telle, *Principal*

MASSES:

Sundays: 5:30PM(Saturday Evening)
7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM, 12:00 Noon
Daily: Monday thru Friday 7:00, 8:30AM
Saturday: 8:30AM
Holy Days: Announced in the bulletin

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 1:00-2:00PM

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Notify a priest of all who are hospitalized or home bound.
Emergencies at any time.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Parish initiates new members on the 2nd Sunday of the month, at 1:30PM, by arrangement. Instruction is on the Friday evening prior to the baptism, at 7:30PM.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Preparations for Christian Marriage begin one year prior to planned date of the wedding. Couples should contact one of the priests.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

Contact the Vocations Office of the Archdiocese of Newark at 973-313-6190 or at NewPriestNJ@gmail.com.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church and Catholics who are in need of the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist are welcome to inquire by calling the Parish Center.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION:

St. Michael's School: An environment for growth in faith, values and knowledge, pre K-8. For further information, call the School Office.
Religious Education: a program of religious instruction, grades 1-8. For further information please call the Religious Education Office.

YOUTH MINISTRY

A comprehensive youth program for all teens from 9th to 12th grade. Our program promotes growth in Catholic values and morals, provides opportunities for Christian service and offers positive social activities. For further information call the Youth Ministry Office.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Every Family in the Parish should be registered. People who need to register, please call the Parish Center for information.

March 18, 2018
Fifth Sunday of Lent

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Michael the Archangel Parish, a diverse, spiritual community in action, is dedicated to drawing people to Christ, to growing disciples, and to making church and worship matter. We do this (1) through our liturgical worship as we remember and celebrate in memory of Him; (2) through the proclamation of the Good News, as we believe and profess the message of Jesus Christ not only from the pulpit, but also in the way we live our lives; (3) through living out our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure in the service of the needs of our church, the needs of one another, and the needs of those who seek divine help through our doors.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday	March 17
5:30 PM	Claire Kelly Gillick
Sunday	March 18
7:30 AM	For the Parishioners
9:00 AM	Frieda, George & Ann Stinson
10:30 AM	Terriaca Giuseppe
12:00 Noon	Teodoro Mendoza (18th Ann.)
Monday	March 19
7:00 AM	Charles Ericksen
8:30 AM	Mary Ann Canavan (5th Ann.)
Tuesday	March 20
7:00 AM	Novena of Masses
8:30 AM	Yolanda Shak
Wednesday	March 21
7:00 AM	Special Intention to St. Joseph
8:30 AM	Colette Noelle Zahodnick (Living)
Thursday	March 22
7:00 AM	Novena of Masses
8:30 AM	Pablo Patricio Galgo
Friday	March 23
7:00 AM	John McCann
8:30 AM	Joseph Hrevnack
Saturday	March 24
8:30 AM	Novena of Masses
5:30 PM	Anastasio-Lewandowski Families
Sunday	March 25 Palm Sunday
7:30 AM	For the Parishioners
9:00 AM	Alejandro T. Cruz
10:30 AM	Giovanni Mazza & Sofia Villarreal
12:00 Noon	John & Carol Halloran

ALTAR OFFERINGS

The Altar Bread, Altar Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are offered for St. Michael's Parishioners.

The Pascal Candle is offered in memory of Walter & Ruth Reinhard and Edward & Carol Izbicki, donated by Ed & Kathy Izbicki.

DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially Michael Stefanyak, Carmella Capone & Frances Regazzo.



As Lent progresses, we come closer to the heart and meaning of the Gospel: that Jesus must suffer and die for new life to happen. There is nothing here about rules, practices, theological formulae or perfection. Jesus embraced what is painful and frightening to achieve life on our behalf. Those of us who call ourselves Christian must be willing to walk the same road.

Jer 31:31-34 God creates a New Covenant with the suffering.
 Ps 51 Create a clean heart in me, O God.
 Heb 5:7-9 Jesus became the source of salvation, obedient through suffering.
 Jn 12:20-23 God's voice confirms that Jesus' passion is approaching.

NOVENA OF MASSES—MARCH 2018

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| James Ford, Sr. | Alejandro T. Cruz |
| Jose J. Arnaldo | John Francis Mahon |
| Ann L. Corrigan | George Rinehart |
| Craig Calix (Living) | Josefina Stuart |
| Walter Foster, Jr. | Noel Mercado |
| Mary Russomanno | Mary & Idolo Russomanno |
| Louis Sauro | Luigi Sauro |
| Frank Rubinetti | Pierre & Rubinetti Family |
- Special Intentions**
 Michalene Kmetz & Joseph Kmetz
 Special Intention to St. Joseph
 Michalene Kmetz & Joseph Kmetz
 John P. Hynes & Irene C. Hynes
 Jurusik & Arner Families
 Living & Deceased Members of the Cerami, Kalkus, Vellanti & Tobia Families
 Living & Deceased Members of Joseph Cicalese Family
 Living & Deceased Members of the Czapl, Leniart & McMahan Families
 Living & Deceased Members of the Ameruso & Scalgione Families

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS ANNUAL APPEAL

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2018 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. St. Michael's is 44% towards our goal of \$48,000. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the Church. Please help support the many programs and ministries that assist so many in our community.

Our parish also benefits by receiving a rebate from the appeal if it exceeds its goal. If we exceed the goal, we will use the rebate towards the new air-conditioning system.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday **March 18**
 9:00 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word Mass
 9:00-11:30 AM Extended Religious Education
 1:00-2:00 PM Young Adults Group Meeting, Murphy Room
 CYO Plant/Palm Sale after ALL MASSES

Monday **March 19**
 8:00 AM Rosary, Church
 3:30-4:30 PM Religious Education

Tuesday **March 20**
 8:00 AM Rosary, Church
 7:00-8:15 PM Religious Education
 7:00-8:30 PM CYO, LC
 7:00-8:00 PM Bible Study, LC

Wednesday **March 21**
 8:00 AM Rosary, Church

Thursday **March 22**
 8:00 AM Rosary, Church
 7:30 PM Choir Practice, Church

Friday **March 23**
 8:00 AM Rosary, Church
 7:00-7:30 PM Stations of the Cross, Church
 7:30 PM Lenten Series Talk

Saturday **March 24**
 9:00-10:00 AM Bold & Lenten Coffee, LC
 9:00 AM-2:30 PM Grandma's Bread First Communion Retreat, LC
 12:00-2:00 PM Confession, Church
 6:45-9:00 PM Family Activity Committee Movie Night—"Passion of Christ", LC
 CYO Plant/Palm Sale after 5:30 PM Mass

Sunday **March 25**
 10:15-11:30 AM Religious Education
 CYO Plant/Palm Sale after ALL MASSES

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS



Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially *Fr. Lawrence Murphy, Louise A. Del Russo, Dominick Vellanti, Gail Patania, John Canfield, Frank Egan, Cheryl & Victor Graziano, Dorothy & Henry Sohl, Joanne Kalkus, Terry & Tony Russo, Marianne Hunt O'Malley, Joanne Milana Doman & Joseph Doman, Rakoczy Family, Peggy Gehrig, Leslie Zambrano, Virgie Palencia, John Czap, Joan Malespina, Sebastian DaSilva, Edwardo Salamat, Rosa Mugavero, Salvatore DeSimone, Clarence Roberts, Emanuel DeJesus, Tina Dubas, Alfred DeBeau, Michael Tobia, James Sysko, Ester Anni Ban, Raymond Ottao, Joseph Foster, Lucas Files, Ruth Guido, Blanca Tan, Bellew Family, Kim Treppunti, Rosemary Hunt, Danilo Ipo, Ed Stonack, Irzing Guazon, Rene Romero, Colette Zahodnick, Kathleen Sarno, Vincent Vince, Antoinette Witsch, Flossie Abrigo, Scott Leddy, Manuel Domingo, Sr., Lucy Scalgione, Mary Ann Flynn, Joyce Toth, Rodney Lucas, Pamela D'Amico, Maria Espiritu, Rita Himiak, Dominick Monteleone, Martha Owens, Brian Phillips, Lily Hulseay and Katherine Friedrich VenAcker, Lucille Arnaldo, Fr. Jim Worth, Aname Orillaneda, and Feliciano Carbon.*

Anyone who would like someone to be put on the sick list, please contact the parish center. The names will be left on for one month, unless notified otherwise.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Give and gifts will be given to you...the measure with which you measure will in turn be measured out to you. Luke 6:38

	Week of <u>3/11/2018</u>	Yr. to Date <u>7/1-3/11/2018</u>
Collections	\$ 8,003	\$ 274,717
Online Collections	\$ 295	\$ 8,516
SOS	\$ 1,348	\$ 115,383
Online SOS	\$ 252	\$ 2,264
Total	\$ 9,898	\$ 400,880
Budget	\$ 12,322	\$ 408,369
Difference	(\$ 2,424)	(\$ 7,489)

Thank you for your continued generosity!

"SOS COLLECTION"

On the first weekend of each month, the first collection is the "SOS" collection. This collection is dedicated especially for our utility bills. The next SOS collection is the weekend of April 7 & 8, 2018. SOS donations are appreciated at all times. Thank you.

Remember loved ones by giving a Flower Offering for Easter. Envelopes are in the vestibule of the Church. Thank you for your generosity.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS

Hours for the Religious Education Office are
Monday through Thursday from
9:30 AM until 2:30 PM.

Other hours are available by appointment.

Contact Coordinator: Marilyn Dragoné at (908)
964-0965. We can also be reached via
e-mail at smccd@comcast.net.

SUNDAY CCD STUDENTS will have an extended session on March 18th. They are to attend the 9:00 a.m. mass and sit with their class. They will go directly to the school for class after mass. Dismissal will be at 11:30 a.m. **This session counts as two classes.**

FAMILIES PREPARING FOR FIRST EUCHARIST: The Grandma's Bread Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 24th in the lower church. There are two sessions: 10:00 a.m. for children with last names A-L and 12:00 p.m. for children with last names M-Z. If you need to switch sessions, please contact the Religious Education Office.

SR. ANN'S FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF FOOD!!! Please consider donating some canned or non-perishable food items so we can help feed those in need. Food may be dropped off at the church or at the Parish Center. Thank you! If you or someone you know is in need of food, please contact Mike at (908) 380-0970. Our next pantry food date is on Tuesday, March 20th from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Parish Center located on Orange Avenue.

RICE BOWL donations can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Center. Religious Education students can give their donations to their catechist. The monies collected are donated to the missions which help people throughout the world.

SAVE THE DATES:

Friday, March 23rd marks the last day of our Lenten Series Speakers. We are pleased to announce we will have Dr. Julie Burkey whose topic is Praying with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. The talk will begin after the Stations of the Cross.

SAVE THE DATE:

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be celebrated at St. Michael's on Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 3:00 PM in the Lower Church.
The chaplet will be recited followed by prayers.
All are invited to attend.

CYO/Youth Ministry News

cyouunion@aol.com

This week at CYO will be our combined Easter Food Drive and bring a Pillow Night. A list of foods needed will be given out at CYO and be sure to bring a pillow for our special slide presentation.

Information on upcoming service projects as well as sign ups for Thursday's Quadriplegic Center and disabled children visits will also be available this week.

Good Friday Presentation

On Good Friday evening, March 30th our CYO/Youth Ministry Program will present the **Living Stations of the Cross** for our Parish Community, family and friends.

At the Stations, our Youth Ministry members will reenact the final hours of **Jesus**, through the eyes of Mary, the Blessed Mother. This will be a night of **Reflection, Music and Prayer** not to be missed. The Stations will begin at **7:30pm** in St. Michael's Church. Everyone is invited.

"For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

On the weekends of **March 17-18 & March 24-25**, our CYO/Youth Ministry will be selling **Palm Crosses and Easter Plants!**

All Crosses and Plants will be \$10.00 and many colors and varieties will be offered. Please support our CYO by making a purchase! Thank You!



SAVE THE DATE: The FAMILY ACTIVITY COMMITTEE PRESENTS—MOVIE NIGHT SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2018 AT 6:45 pm. Lower Church

As we continue with our Lenten Journey, please join us for a Movie Night as we show **The Passion of The Christ**. A profound story of courage and sacrifice depicting the final 12 hours in the life of Jesus Christ. Please note that this movie is Rated R for graphic violence as it portrays the suffering and death on the cross of Jesus. Parental discretion is advised.

Time	March 17-18 5 th Sunday of Lent	March 24-25 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
5:30pm	1. Alyssa De la Cruz 2. Simone Oropeza 3. Salome Oropeza 4. Morgan Labranche	1. Angel Rodriguez 2. Jonathan Rodriguez 3. Alexis Artiga
7:30am	1. Ifeanyi Adibemma 2. Chika Adibemma 3. Jarlene Estopia	1. Uguchi Adibemma 2. Uzonna Adibemma 3. Austin Nosike 4. Lance Panes
9:00am	1. Megan Felix 2. Julian Felix 3. Jewelz Massicot 4. Joshua Laube 5. Aidan Perez	1. Desi Garcia 2. Nathan Felix 3. Jean Felix 4. Alisha James
10:30am	1. Jerome Fernandez 2. Jianna Fernandez 3. Michael Durugo 4. Daniel Gonzales	1. Julia Durugo 2. Joshua Estoque 3. Isabella Fernandes
12:00mn	1. Jed Iglesia 2. Lorenz Tangub 3. Marc Pereira 4. Charles Ozurumba	1. Ginika Ozurumba 2. Charles Ozurumba 3. Samuel Ilagan 4. Aimee Cabatu-Panlilio

ATTENTION TO ALL CREATIVE & ARTISTIC PARISHIONERS:

Please submit a painting or sketch of the Church's front with landscape. The winning art work will be used as a cover for our 90th Dinner/Dance Celebration Journal. The winning artist will receive a free ticket to our September 30th Dinner/Dance at the Westwood in Garwood. All original artwork must be submitted by March 23, 2018 at the Parish Center (1211 Orange Ave) with your name and contact information. For more information, please call the Parish Center (908) 688-1232.

ARCHDIOCESE ANNIVERSARY MASSES

The Archdiocese of Newark will be celebrating five (5), twenty five (25 and fifty (50) years of Christian marriage in the year 2018. The Liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

April 29, 2018 3:00 PM 5 years & 25 years (all counties)
 Registration due by April 18

May 6, 2018 3:00 PM 50 years (all counties)
 Registration due by April 25

Please call the Parish Center (908) 688-1232, ext. 100 to register before the due dates.

"BOLD AND CATHOLIC LENTEN MORNING COFFEE SESSIONS"

Every Saturday morning during Lent, from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM in the Murphy Room, Lower Church. Coffee will be served.

To register for free materials go to stmichaelunion.org go to Quick Links, Dynamic Catholics, Free Resources, Best Lent Ever and Sign up.

The materials will be emailed to you every day and will be discussed at the Lenten Morning Coffee Sessions every Saturday during Lent. Materials for discussion are also available in the vestibule of the Church Wednesday and Friday mornings.

ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL NEWS

On March 14th with prayer, our middle school students stepped up instead of stepping out, to honor the victims and their families in Florida Douglas High School. Through our faith in our Lord we can heal and comfort.

Thank you to our Chairs and parent volunteers for hosting our Dance-A-Thon! Much needed fun during this snowy season!!! New registration is now taking place. Full day PreK and Kindergarten, grades PreK-8. Email principal Telle at ttelle@smsunion.org or call school office at 908-688-1063 ext 201 for information and a school tour.

Tricky Tray News - our tricky tray will take place on April 26th, at the Knights of Columbus, tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased at <http://smstrickytray.ticketleap.com/2018/great-prizes-and-50/50!!!>

Important Dates:

March:

- 19th - School Mass
- 26th - Honors Breakfast
- 28th - 12:00 dismissal, aftercare is NOT available, all students must be picked up at 12:00
- 29th -6th - School Closed
- All students should attend services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Vigil Saturday and Easter Sunday

April:

- 9th - School reopens
- 12th - environmental magic show for grades K-8
- 16th - 20th Book Fair
- 24th - School Pictures, no sibling pictures
- 26th - Tricky Tray
- 27th Progress Reports

SAVE THE DATE: EASTER EGG HUNT
Saturday, March 31, 2018
11:00 AM—12:00 Noon
Ages: 12 and below
(Parents must be present during Egg Hunt)

LENTEN SCHEDULE

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday, March 23

7:00 PM – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 24

12:00-2:00 PM – Individual Confessions

Wednesday of the Week - March 28

6:00-8:00 PM - Penance Service with Individual Confession

No confessions on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord

Saturday, March 24 at 5:30 PM

Sunday, March 25 at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 12:00 Noon

Distribution of Palms at all Masses

Wednesday of the Week - March 28

Penance Service with Individual Confession—6:00-8:00 PM

Holy Thursday - March 29

8:30 AM – Morning Prayer

7:00 PM – Mass of the Lord’s Supper followed by Adoration

Good Friday – March 30

8:30 AM – Morning Prayer

3:00 PM – Stations of the Cross

3:30 PM – Celebration of the Passion

7:30 PM – CYO Living Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, March 31

8:30 AM – Morning Prayer

12:00 Noon – Blessing of Food

8:00 PM – Easter Vigil

No Confessions/No 5:30 PM Mass

Easter Sunday, April 1

Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 12:00 Noon

ELECTRONIC GIVING NOW AVAILABLE!

St. Michaels Parish has enlisted Parish Giving to provide its members with the opportunity to use Electronic Funds Transfer as an alternative method for giving.

Parish Giving is being offered to us free of charge. On our website (<http://stmichaelunion.org>) you will be able to select from the various opportunities to contribute to our parish and other initiatives. Following is an overview of some of the features:

Ability to make one-time contributions, Ability to make recurring contributions, Ability to contribute to multiple organizations, Ability to select your billing date, Ability to use Credit Card or Bank Transfer, Ability to access end of year contribution reports

Once again, Welcome to St. Michael’s Parish Giving. Create or login to your Parish Giving account

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New members are invited to register as soon as possible in order to participate in our various ministries, programs and activities. Registration is our only means of recognizing anyone as a supporting and practicing member of our parish. It is also important for sponsorship certificates for the sacraments, recommendations for positions, school and character references. Please take the time to register at the Parish Center, 1211 Orange Avenue or our website: www:stmichaelunion.org. It is also important to notify the Parish Center of any change of address or phone number.